U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JUANITA M. BAUMANN <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Wickliffe, OH

Docket No. 98-1804; Submitted on the Record; Issued March 14, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant sustained a recurrence of disability in November 1996 causally related to her August 3, 1994 employment injury.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated and finalized April 16, 1998, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated April 16, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. March 14, 2000

George E. Rivers Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member